

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 EC BRU 04037 221711Z
ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 EA-06 L-01 H-01 INR-05 PM-03
PRS-01 SP-02 EB-04 OMB-01 TRSE-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00
CIAE-00 DODE-00 IGA-01 /053 W
-----230653Z 073494 /21

R 221501Z APR 77
FM USMISSION EC BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3586
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS
AMEMBASSY LISBON
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY ANKARA
AMEMBASSY MADRID
AMEMBASSY NICOSIA
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
USLO PEKING
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

C O N F I D E N T I A L EC BRUSSELS 04037

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EEC
SUBJECT: US/EC CONSULTATIONS: POLITICAL ISSUES

1. DURING AMBASSADOR HINTON'S POLITICAL DINNER" ON APRIL 20
THERE WAS A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION OF CURRENT POLITICAL
ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US AND EC. COMMISSION OFFICIALS
PRESENT INCLUDED COMMISSIONERS HAFERKAMP AND DAVIGNON,
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS HIJZEN, AMBASSADOR
SPAANK, AND HAFERKAMP'S CHEF DE CABINET FROSCHMAIER. ON U.S.
SIDE: UNDER SECRETARY COOPER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN,
ALBRECHT OF EUR/RPE, AND JOHNSON OF USEC. FOLLOWING ARE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 EC BRU 04037 221711Z

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
PORTUGAL AND NEW CEMA LETTER TO EC ARE REPORTED SEPTELS):

2. EC ENLARGEMENT: COMMISSIONER HAFERKAMP EXPRESSED
VIEW THAT CURRENT EC/GREECE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS ARE
" RATHER DIFFICULT" AND HAD BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE SOME
OF THE BASIC PROBLEMS POSED BY COMMUNITY ENLARGEMENT IN

THE MEDITERRANEAN, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. HE THOUGHT IT WAS NOW GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD MADE A MISTAKE BY ACCEPTING THE GREEK APPLICATION TOO QUICKLY, WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS CONSEQUENCES, AND AGREEING TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS. THE MORE MEASURED APPROACH THE EC IS TAKING TOWARD PORTUGAL--A POLITICAL "YES" BUT WITH A LONGER PRE-ACCESSION PERIOD ALLOWING TIME TO PREPARE PORTUGAL FOR ACCESSION--IS BY AND LARGE WHAT THE COMMISSION HAD RECOMMENDED WITH REGARD TO THE GREEK APPLICATION. THIS APPROACH HAD UNFORTUNATELY BEEN TURNED DOWN BY CARMANLIS AND THE EC MEMBER STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HAFERKAMP EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, WERE IT NOT FOR THE PRESENCE OF GALVANIC LEADERS SUCH AS CARMANLIS AND SOARES, GREEK AND PORTUGUESE RELATIONS WITH THE EC MIGHT WELL NOT HAVE EVOLVED IN THE DIRECTION OF ACCESSION AT ALL, BUT MORE LIKELY WOULD HAVE MOVED IN THE DIRECTION OF "ENHANCED" ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS. DAVIGNON NOTED IN ANY EVENT THAT IF THE EC MEMBER STATES WERE TO SHOW RECALCITRANCE ABOUT GREEK AND PORTUGUESE MEMBERSHIP, THE LEADERSHIP IN THOSE COUNTRIES POSSESSED SUFFICIENT POLITICAL APPEAL THAT THEY COULD IN EFFECT REACH OVER THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS AND ASSURE IRRESISTIBLE PUBLIC PRESSURE FOR EC MEMBERSHIP.

3. UNDER SECRETARY COOPER ASKED WHETHER ENLARGEMENT FROM NINE TO TWELVE MIGHT NOT RESULT IN THE "ULTIMATE GAULLIST VICTORY" IN THE EC--TRANSFORMATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 EC BRU 04037 221711Z

COMMUNITY INTO A FREE-TRADE/CUSTOMS UNION, OR ALTERNATIVELY, TO AN EC MANAGED BY A DIRECTORATE OF THE BIG MEMBER STATES. IN RESPONSE, DAVIGNON OBSERVED THAT AS LONG AS THE BASIC GOAL OF THE ROME TREATIES IS A POLITICAL UNION, THE EC IS SIMPLY UNABLE TO AVOID THE POLITICAL DECISION OF SAYING YES TO SUCH APPLICATIONS. HE MINIMIZED THE DANGER OF A DIRECTORATE ON THE GROUNDS THAT NEITHER THE FRENCH NOR THE BRITISH WANT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BECAUSE THE DIRECTORATE WOULD INEVITABLY BE DOMINATED BY THE GERMANS.

4. MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS: HARTMAN SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE THE EC HAD SHOWN IN RESPONDING TO YUGOSLAVIA'S DESIRE FOR ENHANCED RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY. HE FELT THAT ANYTHING THE EC COULD DO TO STRENGTHEN TIES COULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO YUGOSLAVIA, IN VIEW OF THE OUTSIDE PRESSURES AND INTERNAL STRAINS THE COUNTRY MAY FACE IN THE POST-TITO PERIOD. HAFERKAMP REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, IN-

CLUDING THE MARCH MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING IN BRUSSELS; HE NOTED THAT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THE YUGOSLAVS HAD PRESENTED A SERIES OF PROPOSALS TO THE COMMISSION, SPELLING OUT IN GREATER DETAIL THAN HERETOFORE--PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF JOINT VENTURES--WHAT THE GOY FELT THE EC COULD DO FOR IT.

5. HARTMAN THEN REVIEWED THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY ON CYPRUS, EMPHASIZING THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THE AEGEAN PROBLEM IS THE KEY ELEMENT IN RESOLVING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HAFERKAMP POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMISSION HOPES TO GET A MANDATE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN MAY TO PERMIT THE EC AND CYPRUS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. HIJZEN THEN DESCRIBED THE CURRENT, RATHER COMPLICATED SITUATION IN EC/SPANISH RELATIONS POSED BY THE NECESSITY OF ADAPTING THE 1970 TRADE AGREEMENT TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 EC BRU 04037 221711Z

COMMUNITY OF NINE. WITH A FORWARD GLANCE TOWARD THE ANTICIPATED SPANISH ACCESSION APPLICATION, HE NOTED THAT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SPAIN WOULD BE THE "MOST REALISTIC APPLICANT" MONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES--AND ALSO PROBABLY THE MOST DIFFICULT ONE.

6. THE PRC AND EASTERN EUROPE. HAFERKAMP MENTIONED THAT SOME TWO WEEKS AGO THE PRC EMBASSY HAD PRESENTED A PROPOSAL TO THE COMMISSION THAT EXPERT-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT CONCLUDING A TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EC AND THE PRC BEGIN IN PEKING ON JUNE 15. THE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES OBSERVED THAT THE DATE WAS IDENTICAL WITH THE OPENING OF THE BELGRADE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON CSCE, AND SPECULATED WHETHER THIS MIGHT NOT BE SOMETHING MORE THAN A COINCIDENCE. THEY INDICATED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON HOW TO RESPOND AND WOULD PROBABLY CONSULT THE EC MEMBER STATES BEFORE DOING SO.

7. ON ROMANIA, IT WAS NOTED THAT BOTH THE U. S. AND EC HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM THE ROMANIANS FOR SPECIAL AID, IN VIEW OF DISLOCATIONS AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE. COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THEY HAD BEEN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL FOOD AID, UNSPECIFIED CREDITS, AND LIBERALIZED TREATMENT UNDER THE EC/ROMANIAN MULTI-FIBRE AGREEMENT-- BUT GAVE NO INDICATION HOW FAR THEY WOULD GO IN MEETING THE ROMANIAN REQUESTS. HINTON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC PROGRAMS, POLITICAL SITUATION, RELATIONS REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 22-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ECBRU04037
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770141-1178
Format: TEL
From: EC BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770430/aaaaaznm.tel
Line Count: 168
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a47f1fa1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2728544
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US/EC CONSULTATIONS: POLITICAL ISSUES
TAGS: PFOR, EEC, (HINTON, DEAN R)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a47f1fa1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009